



## **Bulletin 2022-7**

### **Effective December 27, 2022**

### **Hospital Quality Program Waiver**

#### **Introduction**

The State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner issues this bulletin for the purpose of instructing commercial health insurers of regulatory flexibilities pertaining to hospital quality incentive programs. 230-RICR-20-30-4.10(D)(6)(d) requires that hospital contracts include a quality incentive program.

#### **Flexibilities**

During the COVID-19 public health emergency hospitals have faced significant operational challenges due to staffing shortages and other factors beyond the control of administrators and caregivers. Due to the potential influence of these factors on performance measures and the resulting financial implications for hospitals, commercial health insurers subject to the requirements of 230-RICR-20-30-4.10 are released from their regulatory obligation to have a quality incentive program for performance years beginning on or after July 1, 2021 and concluding no later than June 30, 2023.

#### **Conclusion**

This bulletin shall take effect on December 27, 2022.

Dated at Cranston, Rhode Island this 27th day of December 2022.

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Acting Health Insurance Commissioner